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US MTN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, MTN, NU

SUBJECT: NICARAGUA IN THE MTN

REF: MANAGUA 1235

1. USG HAS NOT MADE SPECIFIC OFFER TO NICARAGUA SINCE
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REQUESTS FOR TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF CONCESSIONS HAVE BEEN
RECEIVED AS PART OF CACM. IF THERE ARE PRODUCTS NOT
INCLUDED IN CACM REQUEST FOR WHICH TRADE CONCESSION IS
SOUGHT, GON SHOULD SUBMIT SPECIFIC REQUESTS AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE NOTE THAT 1976 US IMPORTS FROM

NICARAGUA AMOUNTED TO 169.3 MILLION DOLLARS OF WHICH 154.9 MILLION DOLLARS WERE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. ACCORDING TO MTN PROCEDURES, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ARE EXEMPT FROM THE TARIFF WORKING HYPOTHESES, AND THE USG WILL NOT CONSIDER SUCH PRODUCTS FOR TARIFF CUTS UNLESS A REQUEST IS RECEIVED. FYI: FOR EXAMPLE, NICARAGUA IS THE PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER OF BLACKEYED COWPEAS (TSUS 135.80) FOR WHICH THE TARIFF IS 21 PERCENT AD VALOREM. WE HAVE NOT CONSIDERED AN OFFER ON THIS PRODUCT SINCE THERE IS NO REQUEST ON THE TABLE. COWPEAS ARE ON US GSP LIST BUT NICARAGUA IS EXCLUDED FROM RECEIVING DUTY FREE TREATMENT SINCE IT SUPPLIES OVER 50 PERCENT OF TOTAL IMPORTS. A TARIFF CONCESSION

ON COWPEAS WOULD BE UNEQUIVOCALLY IN NICARAGUAN INTEREST SINCE THE PREFERENTIAL MARGIN ENJOYED BY COMPETITIVE SUPPLIERS WOULD BE REDUCED.

END FYI

3. EMBASSY SHOULD POINT OUT TO GON THAT UNDER US LEGISLATION IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO OFFER TARIFF OR TRADE CONCESSIONS TO NICARAGUA IN THE MTN WHILE WITHHOLDING SUCH BENEFITS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR MFN TREATMENT WHICH ARE NOT GATT MEMBERS. MOREOVER, THE FACT THAT NON-GATT MEMBERS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE MTN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOES NOT PLACE NICARAGUA AT A DISADVANTAGE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS SINCE NON-MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE SAME BASIS AS MEMBERS I.E., CONTRIBUTIONS CONSISTENT WITH TRADE, FINANCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT NEEDS.

4. THE DEGREE OF TRADE LIBERALIZATION RESULTING FROM THE MTN WILL BE GREATER IF THE PARTICIPATION IS MORE UNIVERSAL IRRESPECTIVE OF INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP. IN ADDITION TO ACHIEVING A SIGNIFICANT TRADE BARRIER REDUCTION, WE HOPE TO USE THE CURRENT MTN AS A BASIS FOR ENCOURAGING NON-MEMBERS TO ACCEDE TO THE GATT AND TO ADHERE TO GATT PRINCIPLES IN THE POST-MTN PERIOD. VANCE

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